

**William Fairfax to George Washington, June 17, 1757,  
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**FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.**

ALEXANDRIA 17th. June 1757.

DEAR SIR

I received yr. Express this Morning at Belvoir in Compy. with Mr & Mrs Carlyle and soon after Set off hither to consult wth. Majr. West, the Captains Ramsay, Dalton, Terrett &c On which have sent Orders to have the several Companys meet at different Rendezvous to morrow and Sunday, in hopes of making therefrom a Detachment of an hundred Men to meet at Mr Wm West's on Monday night or Tuesday next at Farthest well accoutred except. Amunition which You'll be able to furnish the needful. If You find this Party insufficient We expect to Send more as Required—Bryan Fx has desir'd a Command wch. has been granted, in Hopes his Courage & good Conduct will give Testimony of his Capacity. The manner of his conceald Departure & Recovery He can best relate. He has experienct Yr Kindness, therefore need not repeat my Desire in his Behalf—Ye late Alarm from Capt. Dagworthy may Serve to put your Soldiery in a fit Posture for Defence, but it seems unlikely the Enemy can Spare many Men from their New Garrison as They must expect to be visited by Lord Loudoun, Genl. Webb or Colo. Stanwix. And your present Expectation will undoubtedly engage the Towns men at Winchester and Neighbourhood to assist Your Endeavors to make Fort Loudoun more & more defensible against a common

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Enemy without battering Cannon wch they canot bring this Sultry Season without stronger Horses than it may be supposed They can be furnished with —

We desire to be further acquainted with the Occurences as they happen Wishing You &c every Happines, The Family at Belvoir & here joyn in all hearty Gratulation and desires that yr. brave Men may keep the Enemy far from them, So Says

Yr very affect. Friend &c W. FAIRFAX